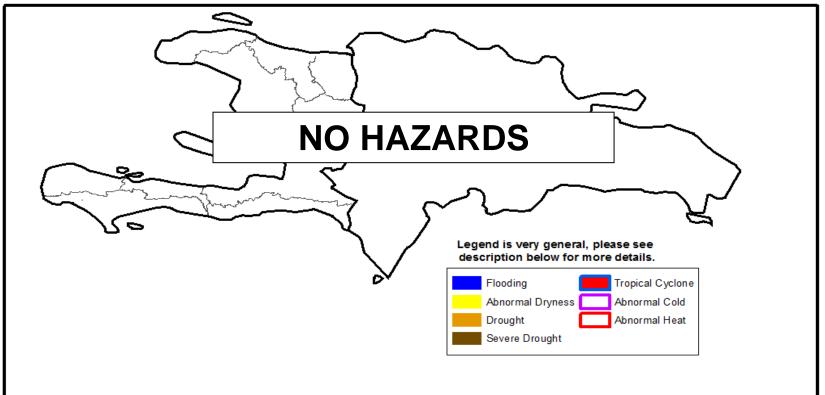


## Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook January 16, 2014 – January 22, 2014

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During the past week, seasonably light to moderate rain showers were observed across Hispaniola. The heaviest rains (5-20mm) were recorded in much of the Dominican Republic, especially the eastern half of the country. During January, rains are expected to be light across Haiti and the Dominican Republic. So far, during January, light rain showers have been near average across the island. However, due to poor rains in November and December marking an early end to the wetter seasonal rains, ground conditions remain dry and poor across the Monte Cristi, Puerto Plata and Barahona departments of northwestern and southwestern Dominican Republic and into the Nord-Est department of Haiti. The poor rains had resulted in the loss of bean crops in the Nord-Est department of Haiti. While rainfall conditions are now normal, the lack of rains in 2013 has left soil moisture and surface water levels abnormally low. For the next seven days, light rain (<10mm) is forecast for Hispaniola. The heaviest showers (5-15mm) are expected across localized areas in southwestern Haiti and northeastern Dominican Republic.